



# THE COMPTROLLER'S CORNER

## Hail and Farewell

On 24 August we marked the retirement of Chief Master Sergeant Lorry Tanner after 24 years of dedicated service to the Air Force and our financial management community. During these past three years she served as my Senior Enlisted Advisor and served with distinction. Her tenure was marked by numerous significant accomplishments such as completing the enlisted merger, making Sheppard a great place to start, and instituting the enlisted Individual Development Program. I want to thank Lorry for her many contributions and wish her all the best in her next career.

I also want to welcome Chief Master Sergeant Larry Gonzales as my new Senior Enlisted Advisor. Larry has served in many key positions within the Air Force financial management community and is highly respected. I look forward to his help as we continue to work to provide the best financial support to our Air Force.

Finally, I want to thank all the financial management enlisted community, and particularly our Chiefs, for awarding me the title of Honorary Chief Master Sergeant. I was inducted on 22 August in a ceremony that I will not soon forget. Nearly everything I have sought to do as Air Force Comptroller—from cleaning up our financial records to improving professional development—has required the extensive involvement of our enlisted personnel. Everyone in the financial management enlisted community, and particularly the Chiefs, has been of enormous assistance to me and the Air Force. I am very proud to hold my new rank of Honorary Chief Master Sergeant.

**ROBERT F. HALE**  
**Chief Master Sergeant**  
**(Honorary)**